Results from the Second Aycock Neighborhood Meeting Held June 10, 2003 at St Leos Place

Listing of Priority Actions Brainstormed, Ranked and Sorted

Summit Avenue Gateway and Street Redesign (total of 36 priority votes)

- 15 Summit Avenue—do the median with trees, banners, START here
- 8 Redesign Summit Ave from 5 lanes to 2 lanes with 2 parking lanes
- Work with Redevelopment Commission to be the "driver" of Objectives #1 and #2 (dealing with improvements to Summit Avenue)
- Ask the City to commit to a timetable in executing Objectives #1-2 (dealing with improvements to Summit Avenue)
- Yanceyville at Summit Pedestrian Crossing like at Spring Garden—Need to reconnect two sides of neighborhood
- 1 Crosswalk buttons needed especially at Yanceyville and Summit Avenue
- O Address traffic lights timing along Summit
- Find ways to persuade the City that Objective #1 (enhancing Summit Ave as a Gateway to the downtown) and Objective #2 (redesigning Summit Avenue for both function and appearance) BENEFIT the City and are not a COST to the City
- 3 Median
 - -Slows traffic
 - -More attractive
 - -Pedestrian friendly
 - -Tree lined Street
- 1 Tools
 - -Recognize Historic Trolley line
 - -Tree Plantings in Median
- 1 Trolley Line bus Service
- 1 Zoning—Mixed use to encourage uses in plan
- O Ask GDOT to approve plans for #1 and #2 (dealing with improvements to Summit Avenue.)
- O Bring pedestrian friendly businesses to Summit Ave

Development Organization and Incentives (total of 19 priority votes)

- 10 Tax credits or grants for purchase of derelict properties
- 7 Tax incentives for developers to invest along Summit (under Charette Guidelines)—Support of City needed
- 2 Form a CDC to do development on Summit and Murrow
- O Get buy-in from private developers to speed City's work
- Organize a write-in campaign to City to promote redevelopment
- O Form a non-profit development corporation for the neighborhood

Transportation/Traffic/Streets (total of 18 priority votes)

- 4 Cypress Street at Aycock School median to stop double parking or need drop off place within the school property
- Tree planting along Yanceyville Street and finished median
- 3 Redesign of 3-way stop at Cypress and Dewey
- 2 Redirect traffic to downtown via Lindsay Street
- 2 SLOW DOWN TRAFFIC!!!
- 2 City Traffic Coordinator regarding parking spaces painted on Yanceyville and Summit
- 1 Roundabout at Yanceyville and Cypress
- 0 Round-a-bout
 - -Traffic management study for feasibility
- 0 On-Street Parking
 - -Study
 - -Simply striping
 - -Crosswalks
- 1 Cut back growth along sidewalks to make accessible
- O Sidewalks Completed (Make Continuous)
- 0 MSD funds for Street/Sidewalk clean up
- 0 Stop signs at every intersection on Summit

Historic District Guidelines (total of 15 priority votes)

- 6 Adopt new neighborhood rule regarding tree trimming and planting
- 4 Prepare specific landscape guide to clear up problems re small lot tree issues—garden size lot landscaping (for HPC use)
- 3 Friendlier HPC toward efforts made to rehabilitate properties in district
- 1 Zoning Enforcement
 - -Historic
 - -Minimum Housing Code
- 1 Relax situation regarding removal of trees, especially in back yard

War Memorial Stadium and Area (total of 12 priority votes)

- 7 Create a Memorial through Veteran's Plaza
- 4 Renovate War Memorial Stadium
- 1 Redevelopment of War Memorial Area including Rehab of Stadium
- 0 Look for "best uses" (at War Memorial)
- O Connection to Lindsey (at War Memorial)

Street Signage (total of 9 priority votes)

- 9 Signage (Street signs)
 - -Determine new style
 - -Use MSD funds

Law Enforcement/Public Safety (total of 7 priority votes)

Ask for more patrols (to implement Objective #10, concerning Safety and Security)

- Part time armed security guard (off-duty officer) from 10 Pm Friday to 6:00 Am Saturday and Sat and Sun—MSD Funds?
- O Designate "problem area" and form a group that can notify police

Sternberger Park (total of 6 priority votes)

- 4 Sternberger Park—Walkway through park with turn of century lighting
- 2 Sprinkler system at Sternberger Park—Park needs to be replaced

Upkeep of Residential Properties (total of 4 priority votes)

- 2 Enforce non-working vehicle ordinance to include all residents/owners
- 1 Find a way to warn rental property owners that their properties are run down
- 1 Inspect and enforce the code for rental properties
- O City Sweep of Home Inspections in Aycock—not just rental properties (eg Butch Simmons)
- Work closely with Inspections Department to hold property owners to 2000 IPMC code

Power Lines/Overhead Utilities (total of 3 priority votes)

- 3 Encourage another power company to come in to break up monopoly (lines underground)
- Work with neighborhood congress to lobby city to change it's business relationship with Duke Power—invite competition re: burying power lines

Neighborhood Entrances (total of 2 priority votes)

- 1 Entry signs "You are now entering Aycock" associated with streetlamp (see Powder Springs, GA.)
- 1 Hold charette with GTCC and NCAT to develop entrances #3
- 0 Markers

Murrow Boulevard/Aycock Square (total of 2 priority votes)

- 1 Remove Cloverleaf
 - -Economic Development Opportunity
 - -Connection to downtown—walkable
 - -Neighborhood Community Development Corp?
 - -At #300,000 an acre (12.5 acres)==\$4.6 million
- 1 Hire marketing person to study what would be good development on Summit and Murrow
- 0 Blow up Murrow Boulevard and start over
- 0 Create Avcock Square
 - -Live/Work units
- 0 Encourage Appropriate Development
 - -Coffee shops
 - -Cafes
 - -Book stores
 - -Bakeries

- -Harris Teeter (big chains) OK—but architecture must fit neighborhood scale
- -Residential—diverse price point for purchase and rent

Miscellaneous (total of 5 priority votes)

- 3 Ask City Council to adopt a physical plan that captures #1,2,5 and 9
- Identify all vacant lots and properties in Aycock and determine appropriate new use to serve as conduit for development
- 1 Ask City Council to adopt TND zoning to capture #7 (appropriate mix of land uses and locations).
- 0 Call Starbucks!